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Remarks

Claims 1-16 are now in this case, where claims 1-4, 6 -16 have been amended.

Claims 1, 2, 8, 10-12 and 14 have been objected to because of informalities. All of these informalities have been corrected as per the Examiner's suggestions.

Claims 1-16 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. Accordingly, all claims have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. In particular, claims 9-11 were written as independent claims without referring to any other claims in this application.

Claims 1, 6-7, 9-11 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Poulsen et al. (USPN 5,812,852) (hereinafter Poulsen) As amended claims 1, 6-7 and 9-11 all directly or indirectly recite that the programming of the said parallel program manager and said parallel program are independent of the programming of said sequential caller program in at least one of the following aspects: programming language, compilation, linkage, and hardware platforms. No such recitation is taught or suggested in Poulsen.

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Claims 2 and 8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Poulsen in view of Foote et al. (US 2001/00229552) (hereinafter Foote). The Examiner has failed to recite any suggestion in the art for combining the Poulsen and Foote references.

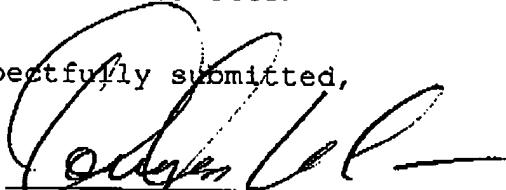
Claims 3-5, and 12-15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Poulsen in view of Goldberg et al. (USPN 6,571,232) (hereinafter Goldberg). The Examiner has failed to recite any suggestion in the art for combining the Poulsen and Goldberg references.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application and allowance of claims are respectfully requested. If there are any issues remaining which the Examiner believes to be resolved through either a Supplemental Response, Affidavit or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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